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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kevin Bates

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1-9.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to a communication made on October 29, 2001.

The Declaration was received on March 22, 2002.

The Information Disclosure Statements were received on April 1, 2002, June 14, 2002, November 4, 2002, March 6, 2003, May 21, 2003, August 4, 2003, January 2, 2004, April 13, 2004, and April 19, 2004.

The Preliminary Amendments were received on April 9, 2002 and January 16, 2004.

The Power of Attorney was received on October 27, 2004.

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Reiche (6092196) (Applicants IDS).

Regarding claims 1-6, Reiche discloses a method for controlling user access to distributed resources on a data communications network (Column 8, lines 9 – 13), the method comprising: receiving a resource request, said request including a rights key credential (Column 9, lines 38 – 42), said rights key credential comprising: at least one key to provide access to a resource on said data communications network (Column 9,

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lines 3 – 5); and a resource identifier (Column 9, lines 45 – 46), said resource identifier comprising a resource server peer group ID and a randomized ID (Column 8, lines 65 – 66), said resource server peer group ID identifying a resource server peer group (Column 10, lines 50 – 63), said resource server peer group comprising at least one server that maintains a mapping between a randomized ID and said at least one key (Column 10, lines 39 – 49); and providing access to said resource using said at least one key (Column 9, lines 63 – 66).

Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U. S. Patent No. 5862325 issued to Reed discloses a third party server for negotiating the authentication of clients in a distributed system.

U. S. Patent No. 6148404 issued to Yatsukawan discloses an authentication server with random keys and secret keys.

U. S. Patent No. 5784464 issued to Akiyama discloses an authentication method using public and private keys and random identifiers.

U. S. Patent No. 5757920 issued to Misra discloses authenticating a user by using random keys and passwords.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Bates whose telephone number is (571) 272-3980. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain Alam can be reached on (571) 272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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